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2. Superior Command: not ascertained.
3. Quarters: in the barracks south of the road to Szeged, where the Hodmazö-vásárhely-Szentendre railway line branches off. The barracks were converted, fixed up, and enlarged with new buildings in 1950 and 1951.
4. Organization:
 

Regimental staff . . . . .	about 40 men
Staff company . . . . .	" 50 "
Reconnaissance company . . . . .	" 90 "
Accompanying battery . . . . .	" 100 "
Antitank company . . . . .	" 100 "
Light mortar company . . . . .	" 80 "
Heavy mortar company . . . . .	" 100 "
AA machine gun company . . . . .	" 80 "
Signal company . . . . .	" 90 "
1st Battalion	
Battalion staff . . . . .	about 40 men
Light mortar platoon . . . . .	" 25 "
Antitank gun platoon . . . . .	" 25 "
Signal platoon . . . . .	" 25 "
4 companies, 80 men each	" 320 "
Aggregate . . . . .	about 435 men
2nd Battalion . . . . .	" 435 "
3rd Battalion . . . . .	" 435 "
Regiment . . . . .	about 2,035 "

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5. Armament:

Hodmezö-Vásárhely

- a. Regimental troops: Accompanying battery, 4 guns, 76.2 mm.  
Antitank company, 6 pieces, 57 mm.  
Light mortar company, 6 pieces, 82 mm.  
Heavy mortar company, 6 pieces, 120 mm.  
AA company, 6 machine guns, 12.7 mm.
- b. Battalions: Rifle companies, each, 4 repeating pistols, 25 machine pistols,  
45 carbines, 9 light machine guns.

Machine gun company, 15 repeating pistols, 10 machine pistols,  
40 carbines, 12 Maxim machine guns.

Each battalion has also three 82 mm mortars and two 47 mm  
antitank cannon.

6. Vehicle Park: 4 Skoda cross country personnel carriers; 1 Soviet model personnel  
carrier; 5 Raba trucks; 5 Csepel motorcycles. The regimental  
troops are horse-drawn.

7. Officers:

- a. The 3rd Battalion commander is Captain Sós, a former noncommissioned officer,  
40 years old, not bad natured.
  - b. Company commanders in this battalion are Lieutenants Béla Dorner, 26; Sandor  
Farkas, 24; and Imre Egri, 26.
  - c. Regimental Quartermaster: 1st Lt. György Józsan.
  - d. Regimental Ordnance officer: 1st Lt. Janos Kossa.
8. Recruiting: The regiment received about 800 recruits of the class of 1931 on  
2 Oct 52; 30 percent were from Budapest and vicinity; 40 percent from West  
Hungary; 18 percent from northeast Hungary; and 12 percent from other places.  
The morale of the troops is excellent.
9. Training: Recruit training continues until the end of Feb. Training by platoons  
follows through Apr, after which company training begins. Firing practice with  
machine guns and hand grenades goes on from Nov to Mar. The level of training is  
very good.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of Barracks at Hodmezovásárhely

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